

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing, reexamination, and further and favorable reconsideration of the subject application, as amended and in light of the following remarks, pursuant to and consistent with 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, are respectfully requested. Claims 1, 8-10, and 16-18 are canceled herein. Claims 19 and 35 are amended to remove the recitation of the treatment of arthritis. Basis may be found throughout the application as-filed. Applicants reserve the right to file at least one continuation application directed to any subject matter canceled by way of the present Amendment.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1, 16, 19, 21-22, 24, and 33-34 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as purportedly anticipated by Diehl (U.S. Patent No. 5,569,676). Claims 1 and 16 are canceled herein without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 19 and 35 are amended to recite the treatment of periodontal disease. Diehl fails to teach or suggest the treatment of periodontal disease.

Thus, Diehl fails to recite each element of the present claims.

Claims 1, 8-10 and 16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as purportedly anticipated by Meakin (WO 01/85162). Claims 1, 8-10, and 16 are canceled herein without prejudice or disclaimer thereto. Thus, this rejection is moot.

Claims 1, 16, 18-19, 21-31, and 33-36 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as purportedly anticipated by Lord et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,417,227). Claims 19 and 35 are amended to recite the treatment of periodontal disease. Lord fails to teach or suggest the treatment of periodontal disease. Thus, Lord fails to recite each element of the present claims.


CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that all rejections have been overcome by the above amendments. Thus, Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

In the event that there are any questions relating to this Amendment or the application in general, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would contact the undersigned attorney by telephone at (703) 836-6620 so that prosecution of the application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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